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Historic Arrival: *Seawise Giant* Anchor Officially Joins Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza as a Symbol of Maritime Legacy

Hong Kong, 27 March 2025 – The Hong Kong Maritime Museum announced today (March 27) that the anchor of the *Seawise Giant*, acquired by the museum's Emeritus Chairman, Mr. Anthony Hardy BBS, has officially arrived at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza, located on the Central waterfront, after being moved from the Government Dockyard. As the main exhibit of the plaza, the anchor of the largest cargo vessel ever built will become an important symbol of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

About Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza has been funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust as a 2022 Chief Executive's Community Project. This free access plaza is located on the Hong Kong Island harbourfront, behind Central Piers 9 and 10, and adjacent to the museum. The project is expected to be completed and open to the public by September 2025.

The plaza will provide a brand-new interactive public learning space to showcase Hong Kong's rich maritime cultural heritage. In addition to displaying the anchor of the *Seawise Giant*, the plaza will feature a walkthrough pavilion with immersive ArtTech displays and interactive screens, allowing visitors to delve deeper into Hong Kong's marine life and maritime history. The project aims to create a vibrant space for education, entertainment and art. Visitors can not only appreciate Hong Kong's significant maritime cultural heritage but also enjoy an immersive learning experience through the use of art, technology and interactive elements.

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum is a cultural link connecting Hong Kong with its rich maritime history, art, and science. The completion of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza will further expand the museum's reach, allowing the public to benefit.

About the Anchor of the Seawise Giant

The 36-ton *Seawise Giant* anchor, which originally had 20 shackles of chain (about 27.4 m per shackle), is 7 m long in the shank, 4.45 m across the flukes and 1.13 m thick.

This anchor was once installed on *Seawise Giant*, the largest cargo vessel ever built. The ship, once owned by Hong Kong shipping magnate Mr. C.Y. Tung, and subsequently sailing under a variety of other owners and names, was dismantled on the beaches of Gujarat, India, in 2010 after 35 years of service. Its anchor was later acquired by the museum's Emeritus Chairman, Mr. Anthony Hardy BBS. It was a considerable challenge to move the anchor from Gujarat to the Government Dockyard in Hong Kong, where it has been in temporary storage since June 2010. The anchor stands as a symbol of the vessel's former glory, embodying Hong Kong's rich and storied maritime heritage.

On 27 March 2025, the anchor was transported by road from the Stonecutters Island Government



Dockyard to the Central harbourfront, marking the final steps toward the plaza's highly anticipated grand opening.

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum

In 2025, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme of "Anchoring the Past, Navigating the Future," coinciding with the arrival of the anchor of the *Seawise Giant* at the plaza. Over the past 20 years, the museum has showcased Hong Kong's unique maritime culture and history and has become a bridge connecting the past with the future. As a platform for education, research and cultural promotion, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum has significantly contributed to fostering public understanding and appreciation of maritime knowledge.

With the arrival of the anchor of the Seawise Giant, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum is set to become an even more engaging and diverse learning space. The museum looks forward to unveiling this new Central landmark to the public by September 2025, contributing to the storytelling of Hong Kong's maritime history.



The anchor of the *Seawise Giant* has been temporarily stored at the Government Dockyard since June 2010.



With a crane, the anchor was carefully lifted and loaded onto a truck for transport.







The truck, loaded with the anchor, prepares to embark on its journey to its new home at the Central harbourfront.

The truck carrying the anchor officially departed from the Government Dockyard.





The anchor after its installation at the Central harbourfront, marking a milestone in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum Jockey Club Anchor Plaza project.

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About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) is an independent, non-profit registered charity founded by members of the Hong Kong shipping industry, supported by the shipping business community, individuals and the Hong Kong SAR Government. As a cultural institution, we are dedicated to showcasing and preserving the maritime heritage and contemporary marine environment of Hong Kong and the South China Sea. Rooted in China, but looking to the world, we aim to inspire people's appreciation of their relationship with the sea. By connecting East and West, maritime cultural heritage and sustainable ocean development, we delve into the profound ties between people and the sea.



Through our rich exhibitions and educational programs, we hope to cultivate public passion and respect for maritime culture and promote the sustainable development of the marine environment.

www.hkmaritimemuseum.org

Ticketing information

Adults: HK\$30 Seniors (aged 60 or above), full-time students (with valid ID), children (under 18) and people with disabilities (accompanied by a carer): HK\$15

*Discounts are available for group visits of 10 or more.

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Venue

Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier 8

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